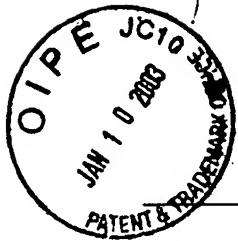


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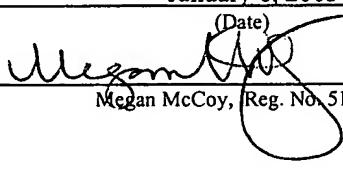
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 4, 2002 (Paper No. 20), please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 17, 19, 75, 124 and 125 as follows:

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1. (Twice amended) An isolated pathogenic *Leptospira* bacterium, wherein said bacterium:

- belongs to serovar *hurstbridge*, wherein said bacterium is cross-reactive in a cross-agglutination absorption assay with the *Leptospira fainei* strain WKID deposited under AGAL Accession No. N95/69684;
- belongs to sero group *Hurstbridge* and cross-agglutinates with share group antigens of the *Leptospira fainei* strain WKID deposited under AGAL Accession No. N95/69684, wherein said bacterium does not cross-agglutinate with the members of other *Leptospira* groups; or
- belongs to the species *Leptospira fainei* and wherein said bacterium comprises genomic DNA which is at least 40% homologous to the genomic DNA derived from *Leptospira fainei* strain WKID deposited under AGAL Accession No. N95/69684.